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THE NEW BRITISH ARMS PLAN

(The Baltimore Sun)

Prime Minister Attlee's announcement of the increased military budget for Great Britain this year is among other things, an effort on the part of the Labor Government to meet the prevalent criticism in this country of the British attitude toward the Russian menace.

Prime Minister Attlee's announcement then, is almost precisely the kind of announcement a politician would make who felt the necessity of doing his utmost to meet the charges of all the different schools of opinion in his own country. His proposal is for a limited increase in the armament budget and a very much more limited increase in the demand to be made on the country's manpower. The new budget is intended to prove Britain's good faith with reference to the Atlantic Treaty and to the new effort which General Eisenhower has been making to stimulate the spirit of resistance in Western Europe generally. The modest call for manpower is a concession to those who resent the prospect of having to abandon a vast social welfare program to meet the threat of a war in which it would be difficult to put their whole hearts.

It is possible to have every sympathy with such distraught leaders as Mr. Attlee and his colleagues. We know how difficult it has been for us, with resources which by British standards are practically unlimited, to accept the sacrifices which our reason tells us are inevitable. We know how far we are from being united behind the leadership which Mr. Truman is endeavoring to provide. We are not, therefore, in an impeccable position from which to criticize the British Government.

Yet all of us know that, if the Russian menace ended in war, our people would become unified overnight in their resistance. The spirit of liberty is still vigorous among us and, save for a few cynical or recalcitrant elements, we would give all we have rather than fall before the aggressor.

On the available evidence, it is not possible to say that a similar spirit now animates the people of Great Britain. Two costly wars — costly in blood as well as in treasures — have taken an evitable toll. It took a Churchill to rouse the people of Britain out of the lethargy of inevitable doom which all but overcame them in 1940. There is no Churchill in the present Labor Government and the value of liberty is not overwhelmingly apparent to a tired and poverty-stricken people.

HOW ABOUT YOUR CAPITATION TAXES?

Before you get too busy with spring work, here is one thing you can do, Check and be sure that you are eligible to vote in this year's [illegible] elections.

[illegible] the deadline for qualification to vote earlier than the deadline for candidates to file. We have never believed that was common sense. At the time of the deadline for paying up of capitation, most often there are no candidates! And with nothing to vote on, many overlook the deadline. Later on, frequently, a close contest develops and the citizens wishes be were eligible.

The full duty of the citizen is to keep himself eligible to vote. Appomattox County has what we believe to be a commendable record in the fine number of its citizens who consistently stay eligible to vote. The number of voters in this county year in and year out is better than the average. For the citizens who are always eligible to vote we have nothing but praise. But there are many new citizens, many who have just be ore of age, and many who have moved, who should check upon their eligibility, remembering that the mere fact that there candidates stirring about now does not always mean that races won't develop by primary or election day.

OUTWARD BOUND ON 'KON-TIKI'

(Norfolk Virginian-Pilot)

Trade winds are blowing fair for Thor Heyerdahl's Kon-Tiki, a seagoing adventure story that has been heading the best-seller lists for several weeks. Kon-Tiki was the name of a legendary Polynesian sun-god that Heyerdahl bestowed upon the 40-foot primitive raft of balsa logs upon which he and five companions traveled 4,300 miles across the Pacific from Peru to the Polynesian Islands. The voyage was to sow that the ancient Peruvians may have traveled the same route to populate the South Sea Isles.

Author Heyerdahl admits he didn't prove his migration theory in the 100 days. He did prove that he could make the long voyage on a balsa-raft and that he could write one of the fascinating sea stories of our time. He gives the life, the fortunate literary adventure, and everything else, to his integrity as a scientist. He had discovered how the Incas made their rafts, but time and again he was beset with the temptation to improvise with a touch of modernity. Experts unanimously agreed the raft Heyerdahl and associates built would founder. The voyage proved that a single deviation from the ancient design would have been fatal.

The balsa-logs, fresh from the forest and impregnated with sap to resist the invasion of the sea, floated over the waves like a sea-gull. There was a deck and a cozy cabin made of plaited bamboo reeds with a roof of bamboo slats and leathery banana leaves overlapping each other like tiles. This was more than going down to the sea in a ship. It was a continual communion with the deep.

There was little time for introspection on the raft. The sea was not always harmonious and there were battles with the elements. The book is strictly an outward bound voyage of the human spirit. It is the tang and freshness of the story that recommend it to those who love the sea and its doings. It—Viking author.

Louis McMurran announces will be candidate for re-election to the House of Delegates.

THE MILLIONTH

(The Winchester Star)

The year 1951 will be notable for this bit of circumstance among others: The millionth wartime death in the U. S. military service, and the millionth death from U. S. traffic accidents since 1900. Insurance company figures make no mention of accidents in horse-powered traffic, but those deaths in the early years of the century must have been negligible to the current slaughter by motor-driven vehicles.

Automobiles have killed more than twice the number of soldiers killed in action since 1775. (Disease accounted for hundreds of thousands of military deaths up through the Civil War, the Spanish-American War and the First World War). And in a comparison of war-wounded and traffic-injured the contrast is terrific. The 1,250,000 men wounded are only one twenty-fifth the number of persons injured in automobile accidents since 1900.

FUND GROWING STEADILY FOR IFYE PROJECT

Virginia's fund for the 1951 International Farm Youth Exchange Project is growing steadily, with contributions of over $425 from individuals and 4-H clubs, says Dr. W. E. Skelton, state 4-H agent at V. P. I. A goal of $1,000 has been set, Dr. Skelton says.

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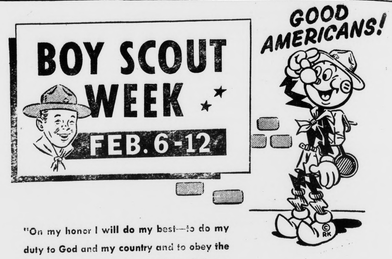

"On my honor I will do my best—to do my duty to God and my country and to obey the Scout Law; to help other people at all times; to keep myself physically strong, mentally awake and morally straight."

MILLIONS of Americans are better citizens because they were once Boy Scouts. It would take a whole book to tell why; yet the real reason is summed up in the Scout oath and the twelve-point Scout Law. While they were written for boys, grown men would do well to commit these precepts to heart and live by them diligently.

Among the more than 4,000 VEPCOVIANS *who share the interests of the communities in which they live and work,* many are and have been identified with local Scouting. We are proud of them, and we salute them along with ALL the Boy Scouts of America!

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From where I sit ... *by* Joe Marsh

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Cappy Miller's coon dogs—except for one of them, Old Blue—are about the finest hounds in the county. Blue's too friendly and easy-going to care much about hunting. He doesn't act the way we think a good dog should, so we figured he'd never amount to much.

But a fellow comes around Saturday looking for a good dog to photograph for some advertising. And the dog he picks is Blue! Says Blue's happy, friendly face is just the one to attract people's attention. So Cappy gets more money for that picture than his other dogs will ever take in hunt prizes.

From where I sit, that should teach us not to look down on *humans,* when they act *differently* than we think they should. For instance, maybe you think tea goes best with food. O.K.—but don't size up wrong the man who enjoys a bottle of beer at mealtime.

Like Blue, I guess we're all "different" in one way or another—but that doesn't mean we don't have our good points, too!

Joe Marsh

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Stonewall

Stonewall, Feb. 6.- Let us all hope that the old ground hog didn't see his shadow last Friday. If so, we will have more of cold winter weather like we have had lately, and by the way, it surely was cold.

Mr. John Burnette has returned home after a trip by plane to Cleveland, Ohio, to attend an R. E. E. A. meeting there last week.

Mrs. G. P. Jennings and Mrs. B. Stratton and son visited Miss Edith Stratton at Evergreen on last Sunday. They found her improving.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Wheeler, of Drummond spent the week-end with the parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. B. Wheeler.

We are so glad to report that Rev. and Mrs. O. R. Turners are both back home, much improved in health.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Paulette, Pleasant Branch- Mr. and Mrs. Lester Dickerson and son, Fred, of Locust Spring, and Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Collins, of Lynchburg spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. C. Caldwell.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Carson and Mrs. Verna Harding visited Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Hamilton in Amherst on Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Beard and son, Lawrence and Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Carson visited Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Chick last Sunday.

Ewin Smith, of Gate City spent the week-end with his wife in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. Tate. He was accompanied home by his wife. They will make their home in Gate City. They will be missed by their loved ones and many friends here, whose best wishes go with them.

Mr. and Mrs. Vinson Russell and children, of Richmond spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Thomas.

Mrs. Bernard Gilson and daughter, of Lynchburg are spending a while with her parents, Mr and Mrs. Harmon Jennings. Mrs. Jennings has been quite ill, but is better now.

Evergreen

Evergreen, Feb. 6.- Mr. and Mrs. [illegible] and son were the guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Green Garrett.

Mrs. Mary Sullivan, of Lynchburg spent the week-end here with her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Evans, of Charlotte Court House and Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Evans, of Roanoke visited Mrs. W. E. Warriner Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Reynolds and son after a trip by plane to Cleveland, Ohio, to attend an R. E. A. meeting there last week. spent the week-end at [illegible] parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Reynolds.

Mrs. Sam Jennings is visiting her son and family in Carstlanburg.

Roy Warriner, of North Carolina spent the week-end with his parents.

Mrs. Juddie Glover and three sons, Eulalia, Elnora and Bessie Lee and Herbert Greene and Clifford Pinchan called to see A. B. Stinson Sunday afternoon.

The Rev. and Mrs. R. T. Smith of Goodrich and the Rev. Wearle Smith were recent visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Warriner.

Evergreen, Feb. 6.- Mrs. Ella Jennings spent Monday in Lynchburg with her brother, H. T. Cawthorn, who is sick.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Garrett called to see her mother, Mrs. J. Penny Thursday.

Pvt. Henry C. Staples, Jr., has been assigned to the 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg, N. C., after completing processing at the 2053rd Repple Depot Center at Fort George G. Meade, Md.

Dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. S. Thrailkill Sunday were Mrs. Tay[illegible] and daughter, Alice and Mildred, of Rustburg, and Stewart [illegible] of Lynchburg, in the evening Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Garrett and Mrs. Kenneth St. John.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Young were dinner guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Jennings.

The Rev. T. L. Simpson and his sister visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Staples Sunday.

Misses Betty Morris and father left Monday for their home in Minden, W. Va. They have been making their home with Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Young, while her father was with the pipe line force here.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Wooldridge were dinner guests Monday evening of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Harvey.

Z. V. Harvey returned from the hospital Friday much improved.

Mrs. C. J. Paulette called in the home of Mrs. Floyd Austin Monday evening.

Mrs. Jim Ingo, of Pamplin called in the home of her father, J. R. Hamilton this week.

Little Richard Hamilton celebrated his seventh birthday Wednesday.

Dinner guests Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Farrar with Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Grishaw.

Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Wooldridge and Mrs. J. K. Hamilton were in Lynchburg Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Paulette called in the home of Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Paulette Sunday.

O. C. Paulette was in Lynchburg Saturday, for treatment.

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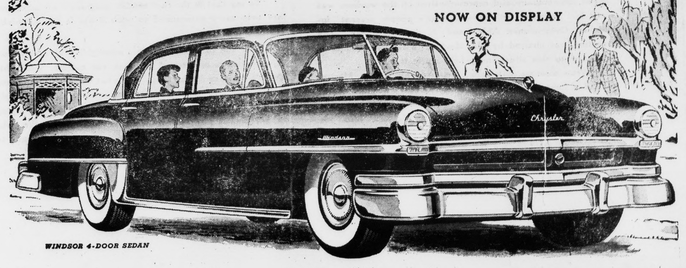

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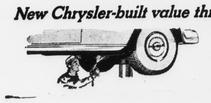

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